

TOWN OF AMENIA  
**Special Town Board Joint Meeting**  
**Town Board and Planning Board**  
Thursday, June 23, 2011  
Amenia Town Hall

**SCENIC PROTECTION OVERLAY**

Supervisor Euvrard called Special Town Board/Planning Board meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted with moment of silence for our brave troops serving worldwide; for lost loved ones, and to the family of John Whalen.

Emergency exits behind the Town Clerk and at the rear of the room behind the audience at the door entered.

**Town Board**

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

Michael Hayes, Esq. Town Attorney

**Planning Board**

ROLL:	William Flood Chairman	Aye
	Tony Robustelli	Absent
	Jim Walsh	Absent
	Nina Peek	Absent
	Joseph Fontaine	Aye
	Peter Clair	Aye
	Larry Moore	Aye

Supervisor Euvrard stated that purpose of meeting is to discuss the **SCENIC PROTECTION OVERLAY**.

William Flood, Planning Board Chairman, provided an overview to boundaries and contradiction of text.

**Scenic Protection Overlay Committee:** William Flood, Mark Doyle, Nina Peek,  
Michael Hayes, Esq – Town Attorney

Supervisor Euvrard introduced **Mr. George Janes**, Planning Consultant for the Town of Amenia. Mr. Janes presented map illustrations, with overlay, to include scenic photographs of the Town.

- . Current Ridgeline Visual Protection Zone included areas with slopes over 25% and visibility from three or more viewpoints.
- . Rail Trail, Scenic Roads, Ridgelines should be included in SPO.
- . Committee considered Delavergne Hill a special scenic viewpoint and should be treated separately.
- . Current panoramic SPO showed hills largely covered; farmland largely uncovered.
- . View shed method: land is visible from an important viewpoint.
- . Data driven algorithm method: (viewpoints)
  - Quantity should cover highly visible land.
  - Quality protects scenic views that should be considered in rank order.
- . Flint Hill, Smithfield Valley, Oblong Valley and Depot Hill have been added to panoramic view.
- . Recommended SPO built from percentages of visibility; agricultural land use; and view shed from Delavergne Hill.
- . Discussed view boundaries of the hamlet. Views from Delavergne Hill are mostly agricultural.

Michael Hayes, Esq, Town Attorney reviewed issues of the proposed Silo Ridge project for hotel/buildings, required SEQR approvals; keeping open scenic view from Delavergne Hill; potential development on agricultural land. If SPO map is adopted by Amenia Town Board, developers must adjust to changed map with their intended projects.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECOND by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Special Joint Meeting at 6:49pm, with MOTION CARRIED.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Riemer	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds  
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board and Planning Board Chairman: July 18, 2011  
Approved by Town Board: July 21, 2011 Copy to Planning Board Chair